

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:00:15 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:00:48 a.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2007.

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the

nominations of Robert D. Jamison, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, and W. Ross Ashley III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, both of the Department of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 4130–4152; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 252–253; and H. Res. 814–816 were introduced. **Pages H13521–22**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H13522–23**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, and to expand access (H. Rept. 110–439) and

H. Res. 813, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1429) to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, and to expand access (H. Rept. 110–440); and

H.R. 3915, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to reform consumer mortgage practices and provide accountability for such practices, to establish licensing and registration requirements for residential mortgage originators, to provide certain minimum standards for consumer mortgage loans, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–441). **Page H13521**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Salazar to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H13415**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yeas-and-nays vote of 221 yeas to 175 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 1079.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Baca motion to adjourn by a yeas-and-nays vote of 184 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 1080. **Pages H13427–28**

**Resignation of General Counsel:** Read a letter from General R. Gennet, in which she announced her resignation as General Counsel to the House of Representatives, effective November 12, 2007.

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**Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007:** The House passed H.R. 3996, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 216 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 1081. **Pages H13417–26, H13428–62**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H13417**

H. Res. 809, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 220 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 1078, after agreeing

to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 1077.

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**General Counsel of the United States House of Representatives—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Irvin B. Nathan as General Counsel of the United States House of Representatives, effective November 12, 2007.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 13th for morning hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, November 14th.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H13425–26, H13426, H13426–27, H13427, H13461–62.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages \_\_\_\_\_. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION/ PROVISIONAL VOTING

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Elections held an oversight hearing on Election Day Registration and Provisional Voting. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ellison and King of Iowa; Tim Moore, State Representative, North Carolina; Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State, Minnesota; Neil Albrecht, Assistant Director, City of Milwaukee Election Commission, Wisconsin; Mary Kiffmeyer, former Secretary of State, Minnesota; and public witnesses.

### CONFERENCE REPORT—IMPROVING HEAD START ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Committee granted, by a voice vote, a conference report rule. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 1429, Improving Head Start Act of 2007 and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman George Miller of California.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 12 through November 17,  
2007

### Senate Chamber

Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Robert M. Dow, Jr., of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination.

During the balance of the week Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills, and conference reports, when available.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Armed Services:* November 15, to hold hearings to examine the state of the United States Army, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* November 14, to hold hearings to examine shareholder rights and proxy access, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

November 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine sovereign wealth fund acquisitions and other foreign government investments in the United States, focusing on economic and national security implications, 2 p.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* November 13, to hold hearings to examine the accuracy of the Federal Trade Commission on the tar and nicotine cigarette rating system, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

November 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ways to improve the Federal Climate Change Research and Information Program, 10 a.m., SR–253.

November 15, Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine issues facing the United States space program after retirement of the space shuttles, 10 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* November 13, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (Public Law 95–87), focusing on policy issues 30 years later, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

November 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership relating to the United States policy on nuclear fuel management, 10 a.m., SD–366.

November 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 2203, to reauthorize the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* November 13, to continue hearings to examine S. 2191, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, 10 a.m., SD–406.